GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4163
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2001
AMENITIES ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
P.D. ELANGOVAN

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to increase the amenities all along the National Highways to facilitate the National Highway travelling in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and also the works assigned and taken up, State-wise;

(c) the details of the funds allocated so far; and

(d) the details of the total number of projects taken up and the approximate time frame with in which the proposed projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GNERAL (RETD KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Government has a policy to facilitate provision of passenger oriented wayside amenities along National Highways both through budgetary support and private financing. Under the policy initiated in 1986-87, 21 facilities have been made operational as per statement annexed. The policy was modified in April 1998 and the Government now acquires land for setting up of wayside amenities and thereafter it can be leased to private entrepreneurs through a transparent bidding process for development of wayside amenities. Estimates for land acquisition for 15 sites at a cost of Rs. 272.63 lakhs have been sanctioned in Karnataka. Land acquisition is in progress and it is premature to indicate a time frame for completion of the facilities.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4163 DUE ANSWER ON 20TH AUGUST, 2001 ASKED BY SHRI P.D. ELANGOVAN REGARDING AMENITIES ALONG NATI HIGHWAYS

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number of amenities under budgetary support	Number of amenities under private financing
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	1
2.	Assam	-	1
3.	Goa	1	-
4.	Haryana	-	1
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	1
6.	Kerala	-	1
7	Madhya Pradesh	-	1
8.	Maharashtra	1	1
9.	Orissa	1	-
10.	Punjab	-	1
11.	Rajasthan	-	3

12. Tamil Nadu	1	-
13. Uttar Pradesh	-	3
14. West Bengal	-	2
Total:	5	16

It has been decided that all National Highway projects being funded through the aid from the multilateral agencies i.e. World Bank, ADB, OECF etc. or being developed through the private sector, provision must be made for passenger oriented way side amenities at every 50 km of National Highways. These amenities shall include parking lots, Snack bar/restaurant, toilets, rest rooms for short stay, first aid, telephone booths, petrol pump/minor repair shop (optional), kiosk for sale of miscellaneous/ sundry items and landscaping. The Ministry bears the cost of land which is offered on lease to private entrepreneurs for setting up wayside amenities. The details of works assigned, funds sanctioned for land acquisition along with present status is placed at Appendix I.